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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

I have known of Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh through his books for many years. As a writer myself of 3 volumes -- The Zen of Running (Random House, 1975), Metabolic Ecology (Wedgestone Press, 1982) and The Complete Book of Natural Foods (Shambhala, 1983) -- I am amazed by his astonishing productivity -- over one-hundred books. Such productivity is no mean feat in and of itself, yet the profundity of his words, his insights into all aspects of life -- from the arts to science to philosophy to spirituality -- serve to magnify my respect. We are fortunate to have in the United States a man of his stature -- a man whose contributions to the arts have been gigantic, and whose presence continues to inspire and enrich so many lives.

It is my sincere hope that the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service will allow Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh to remain in this country and add his voice to those other eminent representatives of the arts who have found here fertile soil for their work.

Sincerely,

Fred Rohe

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